

## IAE leader receives Iranian message

ABU DHABI (R) — The president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, Sunday received a vital message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei, the UAE official news agency WAM reported. It said the message, delivered by Hussein Kazem, Iranian Foreign Ministry under-secretary for economic and international affairs who arrived earlier Sunday, dealt with current developments in the area of bilateral relations. The agency gave no further details. The UAE and its five Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) allies have condemned Iran for recent attacks on Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian tankers. Tehran has neither confirmed nor denied hitting ships in the Gulf, but has threatened to stop other Gulf states from shipping their crude if Iraq, with which it has been at war for 44 months, blocks Iranian oil exports.

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## Mubarak: Treaty not election issue

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak said Sunday that the 1978 Camp David accords with Israel were not an issue in Egypt's general elections. Reporters asked him after he cast his vote if his policies would change, and, in particular, whether Egypt would go on supporting Camp David, after the elections. He replied: "What has Camp David got to do with the elections? It is a commitment already approved by the People's Assembly. What am I going to do? We are with peace. We work for peace, a comprehensive peace, until we reach a comprehensive settlement for the whole Middle East problem." The president called for a negotiated settlement of the Iran-Iraq war, adding Egypt would attend a meeting in Jeddah of Islamic countries to discuss peace moves.

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## N. mission gives in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — A U.N. fact-finding mission arrived here Sunday on a four-day visit to Jordan. The three-member mission will talk with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Shawkat Moud and will bear a number of eyewitness accounts of Israel's actions of human rights in the occupied Arab lands. The team, led by Sri Lanka's ambassador to the U.N., will visit Syria and stay in Jordan but will not be able to visit the occupied Arab lands as it is banned by Israel. Following the tour in the area, the mission will prepare a report on its findings to be presented to the U.N. secretary general.

## Israelis search for bus attackers

LAVIV (R) — Israeli security forces were searching Sunday for men who burned an Israeli tanking Palestinian labourers in the occupied West Bank to jobs in Israel, a military spokesman said. The four, armed with pistols and submachine guns, stood the bus early on Friday and fired its driver and three passengers to disembark. The gun-then ordered the passengers to get out and then set fire to the vehicle, the spokesman said.

## Egypt sends message to Japan

CAIRO (R) — A senior Egyptian official left for Japan Sunday to inform Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone on Egyptian efforts to end the war between Iraq and Iran. Officials said Mr. Nakasone, deputy foreign minister, was also carrying a message to Mr. Nakasone from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Mr. Nakasone is expected to go on to Tokyo and the Philippines after his trip. Egypt last month posed a plan, subsequently rejected by Tehran, which was called to call for a ceasefire and stationing of a peacekeeping force along the Iran-Iraq border.

## Iran sentences to death

TEHRAN (R) — Ten young rioters used of killing two motorists in "bread riots" in Tunisia January were sentenced to death Sunday by a Tunis court, official sources said. During the two gangs blocked roads leading into the capital, forcing motorists to slow down, and then threw stones through the windows. The sources said death sentences passed by criminal courts in common law cases are usually carried out.

## Korean leader signs Poland visit

VARSAWA (R) — North Korean leader Kim Il Sung arrived in Warsaw Sunday for a five-day visit to Poland. Mr. Kim, who travelled by train from Moscow after talks with President Konstantin Chernenko, was greeted at the city's railway station by President Jacek Jaborowski and Communist Party leader and Prime Minister Jacek Jaruzelski. Mr. Kim is touring several East European countries, last visited Poland in 1956.

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# King stresses teachers' role in shaping country's future

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King Hussein, who was addressing a rally held at Yarmouk University to mark Jordan's 38th Independence Day, said teachers have a responsibility of building up the future generation and therefore they should be open to modern trends in sciences and cope with development in education so that they can impart valuable teaching to the young and help their country catch up with advanced nations.

Teachers should be well qualified to carry out their mission with responsibility as they are responsible for bridging the cultural gap between backwardness and progress and help safeguard Arab identity and existence, the King said. Therefore, he said, it is incumbent upon teachers to introduce new and modern teaching methods based on analysis and

schools and education under Israeli occupation rule have rendered Jordan's plans futile, and therefore plans for the transformation in teaching methods and comprehensive improvement in education had to be delayed.

However, in the 1980s, Jordan is determined to carry out programmes for improving the standard and quality of education in accordance with the Ministry of Education's plans, King Hussein said.

The King said that he was distributing medals to veteran teachers in recognition of their efforts and their mission, and is also distributing title deeds of housing units to those benefiting from a housing project for teachers in Irbid Governorate.

More housing units will be built so that as many teachers as possible can benefit from the project and own their homes, King Hussein said.

He also declared that in recognition of the teachers' role and services towards their country he had passed directives to Jordanian universities to assign five per cent of the seats in all faculties to the sons and daughters of working and retired teachers and has ordered that plots of state-owned land be assigned near towns in various regions of the country for establishing cultural and social clubs for teachers.

Later the King distributed medals to veteran teachers in recognition of their efforts. Medals were distributed to 104 working and retired teachers.

At the ceremony, Minister of

Education Hikmat Al Saket made a speech explaining that the Education Ministry's plans have been geared to cope with the country's development needs in various sectors. He also referred to programmes designed to improve education and teaching methods.

## Deeds distributed

Also at the ceremony, King Hussein distributed title deeds to teachers of Irbid Governorate for the ownership of housing units at the Zibdet Farkouh Housing Estate. The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obaidat, Speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi and Akel Al Fayez, respectively, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Oaseem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odch, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, senior officials, presidents of Jordanian universities, the mayor of Irbid and senior army officers.

Following the celebrations, King Hussein visited the Zibdet Farkouh Housing Estate and unveiled a commemorative plaque at the site, and inspected the housing units.

The 392-unit project has cost JD 3.5 million and is of three types, all provided with health, educational and postal services, as well as a shopping centre and public parks. Beneficiaries made a down-payment of 10 per cent of the total cost of the units and the rest will be paid in instalments over 20 years.

## Gulf crisis forces tankers to lie idle

ABU DHABI (R) — More than 60 tankers are docked off the United Arab Emirates (UAE) ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan waiting for orders to load oil from Kuwait, Saudi, Iranian and UAE oil terminals, shipping sources said Sunday.

They said the number had increased from about 10 tankers usually docked off the two ports on the UAE's eastern coast before Iran and Iraq escalated their war this month by attacking oil tankers and other ships in the Gulf.

But port sources noted that as many as 80 tankers were anchored off the country's eastern shore at any one time some 15 months ago when Gulf states' oil exports were dropping because of the world oil glut.

Officials at Fujairah's port attributed the current increase in the number of tankers anchored outside the port's location outside the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran has threatened to block if its oil export were disrupted, and its low insurance rates.

Lloyds insurance of London last week raised its premium for ships travelling to Khor Fakkan and Fujairah to 0.125 per cent of total ship and cargo value, but this is still far less than the rate for ships travelling into the Gulf.

Some UAE press reports have attributed the increase in the number of ships anchored off the UAE's eastern coast to a recent decision by Oman to clear its ports of oil tankers.

Officials at Abu Dhabi's oil terminal in the Gulf said the movement of oil tankers was normal with no significant change in their numbers.

They said they did not expect an increase in UAE oil exports because

the country's production was limited to 1.1 million barrels per day under quotas set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Dubai shipping sources also said tanker traffic was normal, and that it would take "some time" for attacks on ships at the northern part of the Gulf to have any adverse effects on shipping in the lower Gulf.

## Pope voices concern

Meanwhile, Pope John Paul Sunday said the Gulf war threatened uncontrollable regional conflict.

Speaking in Viterbo, a medieval city 70 kilometres north of Rome, the Pope said the three-and-a-half year old war was worsening daily, with a constant accumulation of ruins, destruction and death. He added:

"The fighting threatens to spread to nearby countries and to explode into an even more grave crisis that would involve the whole area, with possibly uncontrollable repercussions."

At the conclusion of an informal meeting of European Community foreign ministers, French foreign minister characterised the Gulf war as "abominable," and said it was a major issue of discussion at the meeting.

Mr. Cheysson said the foreign ministers expressed their worry about the "state of the petroleum market," and that it was necessary to call for prudence on all sides, to avoid an internationalisation of the conflict and increase appeals for reason.

U.S. considering sending air tankers to Saudi Arabia; High insurance rates will not block oil flow, Yamani says, page 2

## Kuwait hints at trouble in exporting oil

KUWAIT (R) — A Kuwaiti minister Sunday dropped a strong hint that his country had been facing problems with oil exports after the recent spate of attacks on shipping in the Gulf.

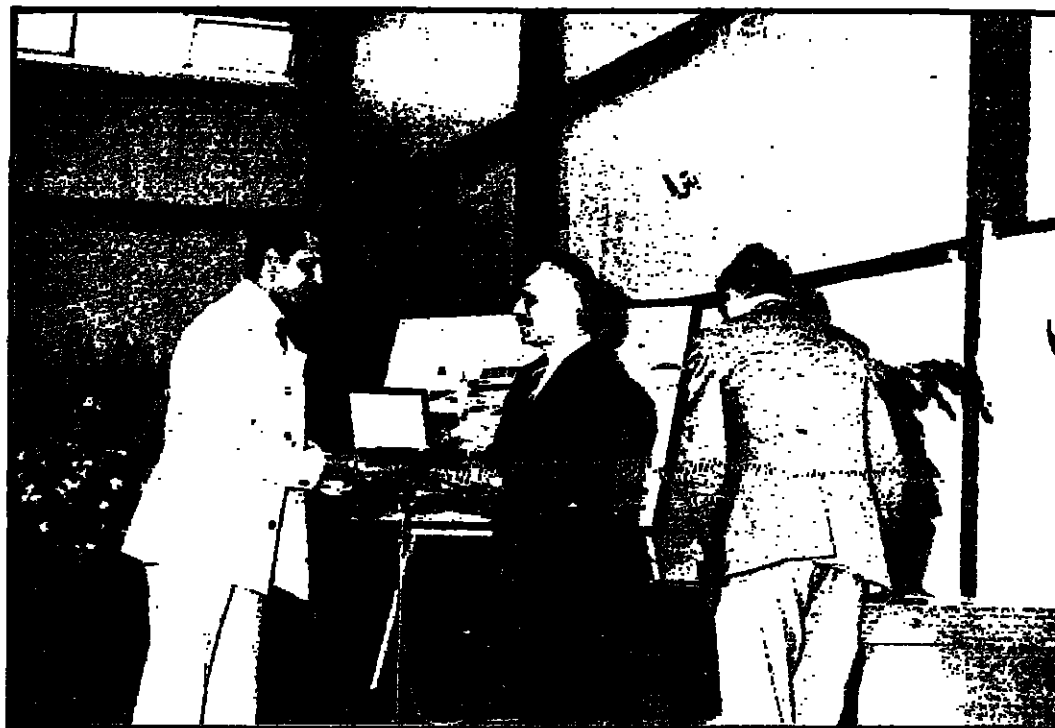
Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters the attacks "influenced some oil companies in regard to sending their vessels to the Gulf, but Kuwait, with its special abilities and good connections, overcome the problems it is facing."

Mr. Hussein, who gave no fur-

ther details, was speaking after Kuwait's weekly cabinet session in which Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah reported on the production and marketing of Kuwait oil.

Two Kuwaiti tankers, Umm Casbah and Bahrah, were hit by missiles in the Gulf earlier this month in aerial attacks blamed by Kuwait and five other Arab Gulf states on Iran.

Sheikh Ali, according to an advance copy of a statement he is scheduled to make to parliament



His Majesty King Hussein Sunday honours a Jordanian teacher for excellent services at a ceremony held at Yarmouk University (Petra photo)

## Arafat leaves after talks on Arab summit, Gulf and U.N. conference

By Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat left Amman for Algiers early Sunday after holding three hours of intensive talks with His Majesty King Hussein and senior Jordanian officials.

Mr. Arafat, who arrived here Saturday afternoon for a brief visit, chaired the opening session of a three-day meeting of the Palestine National Fund (PNF).

The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said that during the Hussein-Arafat talks both leaders stressed the necessity of convening an Arab summit "to work towards thwarting dangers confronting all Arab countries without exception."

The 13th Arab summit, originally scheduled to be held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh earlier this year, has been postponed twice due to inter-Arab differences. But a report carried by the Iraqi

News Agency (INA) last week said Arab foreign ministers who met in Tunis earlier this month have reached a tentative decision to hold the summit in Riyadh in November.

Palestinian sources told the Jordan Times Sunday that during Saturday's talks, which were attended by top-level delegations from Jordan and the PLO, both sides agreed to continue joint efforts towards holding the summit.

King Hussein and Mr. Arafat also discussed the mounting tension in the Gulf following escalated attacks against shipping in the 44-month-old Gulf war and stressed the need to find an early solution to end the conflict between warring Iran and Iraq, Petra said.

The King and the PLO chairman reviewed the results of a meeting in Jeddah earlier Saturday of a seven-nation Islamic peace committee which seeks to end the Gulf war. Mr. Arafat flew to Amman from Jeddah after attending the meeting and was reported to have unveiled a new initiative to end the Iran-Iraq conflict.

The Palestinian sources told the Jordan Times that King Hussein and Mr. Arafat also discussed a joint Jordan-PLO campaign on the international level to canvass support for a conference on the Middle East with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Meanwhile, the meetings of the PNF which Mr. Arafat opened Saturday continued here Sunday. During the opening session Mr. Arafat was briefed on the PLO's financial status by PNF President Hanna Nasir.

Among the major topics under discussion at the current meeting are shortage of finance for the PNF, the current operating conditions and needs of various Palestinian welfare institutions, living conditions of the inhabitants of the Israeli-occupied territories and a review of PNF's financial support to the families of PLO dissidents.

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for attacks on ships in its unilaterally-declared war zone in the northern part of the waterway, but Baghdad and Arab Gulf states have accused Iran of striking Saudi and Kuwaiti oil tankers outside that area.

Meanwhile, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal flew to Baghdad after saying Sunday his country was ready to do whatever it could to help end the 44-month-old Gulf war.

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Iraq has claimed responsibility

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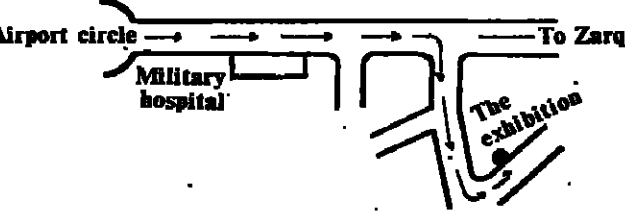
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# NDP woman candidate shot dead in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (Agencies) — A woman candidate for the opposition Socialist Labour Party was shot by a candidate of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) near the southern city of Luxor Sunday and died in hospital later, a Labour leader said.

Mrs. Nemat Mohammad Hassan, a 45-year-old high school teacher, was hit in the chest by bullets fired by NDP candidate Abdel-Moneim Badran, a car dealer, Labour secretary Abdel-Hamid Barakat told.

He said the shooting occurred in front of a polling station at the village of Nag El-Tawil, near the city of Luxor which lies 720 kilometres south of Cairo.

"Our candidate was taken to hospital but she died later," Mr. Barakat said.

Asked about the reasons for the shooting, Mr. Barakat said: "Badran shot our candidate in a fit of anger and grudge. To begin with, his name appears low on the list of NDP candidates. Furthermore, the Labour Party list in that constituency is strong and stands a good chance of victory."

An Interior Ministry spokesman confirmed the shooting and death but said the ministry had no details.

Mr. Barakat said that immediately after the shooting, police "closed the polling station and sent waiting voters away."

He claimed that as of 2 p.m. (1100 GMT), three and a half hours after the shooting, police had not arrested Mr. Badran.

The incident came two and a half hours after polling stations opened nationwide in elections for a new parliament.

Opposition parties reported other violence in the poll to choose a new 448-seat people's assembly. They said seven people were hurt in clashes with supporters of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP).

The Wafd Party, the NDP's main challenger, said the wife of one of its candidates was shot and wounded in Shebeen El-Kanatar, in the Nile delta.

It was not clear who shot dead the candidate near Luxor or why. Political analysts could recall other cases in Egypt of candidates being shot in elections, but never a woman.

Upper Egypt is a place where passions run high, feuds are common and some people object to women taking a role in public life.

During earlier voting in working class Shubra El-Kheima, near Cairo, Prime Minister Fuad Moeenaddin predicted a big majority for the NDP, led by President Hosni Mubarak.

He said polling was going smoothly. But Wafd leader Fuad Seragaddin spoke of acts of intimidation and called the election

"theatre."

Party sources in upper Egypt said the candidate killed Sunday died with a bullet in her head. She was in a car with some supporters. They met another car, apparently filled with ruling party people.

Shots were exchanged. Surviving occupants of both cars were arrested after the incident.

Commentators predicted a comfortable election win for the ruling party but thought voters might return Egypt's strongest opposition for half a century, perhaps accounting for up to 100 of 448 seats. Results are due by Tuesday.

The revived right-wing Wafd is the main threat to the ruling party. Formed in 1919, it is now allied with the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

The left-wing Unionist Progressive Party and the rightist Liberal Socialist Party are also contending along with the ruling party, the Wafd and the Socialist Labour Party.

A stronger opposition showing would support claims by Mr. Mubarak supporters that he aims to lead Egypt back to democracy after years of curbs on opposition activity.

But it might complicate his task as he tackles the basic issue in modern Egypt — the aspirations of its 47 million for better living standards in an economy burdened by low productivity and a soaring birth rate.

## Britain deports suspected guerrilla squad

LONDON (R) — A suspected guerrilla squad comprising an Iranian, two Algerians and a Moroccan have been deported from Britain, the home office said Sunday.

Official sources said they were believed to be supporters of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and a report in the Sunday Times newspaper said they were thought to have been plotting to murder anti-Khomeini activists.

A spokesman for the Home Office (Interior Ministry) said Ali Ghorbani Far, an Iranian, and Abdel Majid Chraïbi, a Moroccan with refugee status in France, were deported to France on May 17. The two Algerians, Abdel Faid Djaffar and Hafid Regardj, were sent home the following day.

## Mubarak meets Thai minister

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday discussed developments in southeast Asia, the Gulf and the Middle East with Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetisila.

Mr. Siddhi told reporters his country supported Egypt's efforts to end the 44-month-old Iran-Iraq war.

The Thai minister, on an official four-day visit to Egypt, had similar talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Saturday.

## Moi voices concern over Islamic sharia law in Sudan

NAIROBI (R) — Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi said Saturday he was concerned that the imposition of Islamic sharia law in Sudan would ruin that country's unity and cause refugee problems for its neighbours.

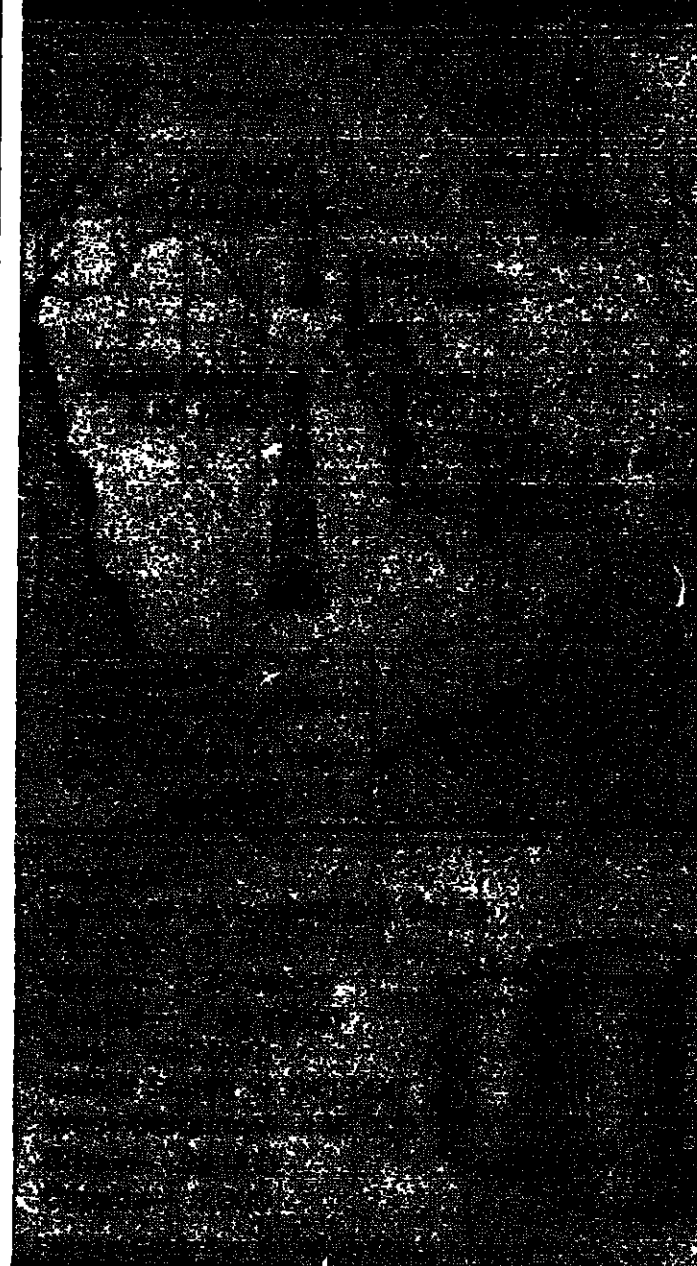
Mr. Moi was quoted by the official Kenyan News Agency (KNA) as telling local officials at Nakuru, 160 kilometres north of Nairobi, that the problem of Sudanese refugees was like difficulties Kenya experienced when thousands of Ugandans fled their homeland after dictator Idi Amin seized power in 1971.

## Turkey says Greek plane violates its air space

ANKARA (R) — Turkey said Sunday an unspecified Greek plane had violated its airspace near the Aegean port of Kusadasi, calling the incident deliberate and dangerous.

A Foreign Ministry statement said the plane entered Turkish airspace Saturday and declared the action could not have been an error.

## Tracing the Flow of Arabian Gulf Oil



## High insurance will not stop Gulf oil flow, Yamani says

GENEVA (R) — Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said Saturday night that large increases in maritime insurance premiums for the Gulf would affect oil prices but not result in a cut-off of Gulf oil supplies.

That would happen only if Lloyd's, the London insurance market, cancelled cover altogether for the region, he said in an interview on Swiss Television.

Saturday Lloyd's more than doubled the cost of war risk premiums for ships sailing to the Iranian port of Bandar Bushire and to Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island. It was the third and biggest increase in a month by Lloyd's underwriters.

The rises follow stepped-up attacks on tankers and other vessels by Iraq and Iran, at war for nearly four years.

Mr. Yamani said he still feared Lloyd's would eventually refuse cover for Gulf shipping. "If Lloyd's cancels its contracts then the Gulf traffic, the navigation, will stop," he said.

Asked if big premium increases would not have the same effect, the minister replied: "This will affect the price of Gulf oil, but not actually cut off its supply."

Saturday Mr. Yamani told U.S. businessmen in Geneva he feared that Lloyd's, by cancelling insurance, would achieve what Iran had failed to do and effectively close the Gulf to shipping.

However, Lloyd's, which insures the bulk of world shipping, called a London news conference to say it was unthinkable they would refuse cover for vessels willing to risk a Gulf voyage.

Mr. Yamani said Saturday night he hoped Lloyd's would continue to provide insurance, even at very high premiums.

Asked what he thought of Friday's premium increase, Mr. Yamani said: "It's not the first time they have done it. In the past few weeks the premiums have been raised several times."

The Saudi minister shrugged off intelligence reports from Washington that Iran may be planning to attack Gulf tankers and Saudi oilfields with kamikaze-style suicide planes.

"We read all kinds of rumours but there is no reality in them as long as we don't see them. I hope we don't see them," he said.

## U.S. considering airborne tankers for Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States is considering supplying airborne tankers to Saudi Arabia which could use them to refuel fighters in mid-air and help protect ships from Iranian attacks, the Washington Post said Sunday.

The Post said the Boeing KC-135 tankers, which could refuel Saudi Arabia's F-15 fighters, were considered of greater military importance than ground-to-air Stinger missiles that the Reagan administration is considering selling to the Saudis.

The newspaper reported that the Pentagon expert on the Middle East, Major-General Edward Tixier, had already flown to Saudi Arabia to implement any decisions on providing backing for the Saudi Air Force.

The Post said the KC-135s would be particularly useful if Saudi Arabia went ahead with a plan which the paper said was under consideration to proclaim a "safety zone" near the Saudi coast in the Gulf where all oil tankers would be under Saudi military protection.

Pentagon officials refused comment on the Post report. But the Pentagon spokesman confirmed that a 15-man U.S. military mission had been sent to another Gulf state, Kuwait, to study its military needs.

The official said this visit was partly in response to a recent Washington visit by Kuwait's Defence Minister, Sheikh Salim Al-Sabah.

Congress opposes Stinger sales

The U.S. administration is close to a decision to send 200 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Saudi Arabia, but is facing pressure from Congress to lease them rather than sell them outright, congressional and administration sources said Saturday.

The missiles are to help Saudi Arabia in bolstering its defences in the face of the escalating Iran-Iraq war which has led to attacks on Gulf shipping.

The administration favours a sale because it would have "symbolic impact" as a show of support for the Saudis.

President Ronald Reagan could send the missiles without congressional approval by exercising his presidential emergency powers.

One reason some members of Congress favour leasing, said the official, is to maintain better control by Washington of the weapons. The administration had earlier proposed selling 1,200 Stingers to Saudi Arabia, but withdrew the offer after concluding it couldn't get the deal through Congress.

But the congressional source said there is a consensus that "200 (Stingers) could be useful in an 'emergency' situation."

## Sudanese rebels may release West German captives soon

BONN (AP) — Sudanese rebels have held two West German civilians captive for five days but said they will release them soon, the Bonn Ministry for Economic Co-operation said Sunday.

Klaus Frahm, 45, and Horst Peters, 27, were abducted last Wednesday in South Sudan, where they work for the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst, a volunteer organisation similar to the peace corps, said ministry spokesman Manfred Oblaender.

Sixty-two Sudanese soldiers were reportedly kidnapped at the same time, but Mr. Oblaender said he could not confirm those reports.

Mr. Frahm and Mr. Peters were driving from their organisation's regional office in Yuba to the small village of Wau, some 500 kilometres away when Sudanese guerrillas abducted them. Mr. Oblaender told the Associated Press by telephone.

He said West German embassy officials in Khartoum had since heard radio reports that the rebels planned to release the West Germans soon.

## Israel denies Lebanese demand to close Beirut 'liaison office'

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel has received no request from the Lebanese government to close an Israeli "liaison office" north of Beirut, a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Saturday.

Lebanese officials were quoted earlier Saturday in Beirut as saying Prime Minister Rashid Karami had notified Israel on Thursday of Lebanon's decision to close the Israeli office at Dbayeh, on the Mediterranean coast.

"We have not received any such

request," spokesman Avi Pazner told Reuters.

He declined to say how Israel would react if Beirut requested the closure of the office, which was opened shortly after Israel's June 1982 invasion and has remained open despite Beirut's abrogation of a troop withdrawal agreement signed by the two countries last May.

Mr. Pazner also denied Lebanese newspaper reports that the United States had offered to mediate between Israel and Lebanon

on a withdrawal of Israeli forces from South Lebanon.

Beirut newspapers quoted Mr. Karami as saying the U.S. ambassador in Beirut said Washington would mediate if requested to do so by both Lebanon and Israel.

"We have heard nothing about it," Mr. Pazner said. "But we would be surprised if there should be any U.S. initiative."

Mr. Pazner said Israeli policy was that all contacts between Israel and Lebanon should be direct.

## Jewish terrorists to face 'political trial'

TEL AVIV (AP) — Defence lawyers for the 27 Israelis accused of involvement in a Jewish terror underground are planning to call ministers and top army officers as witnesses and to turn the case into a "political trial," the daily Yediot Aharanot reported on Sunday.

The 27, most of whom are settlers in the occupied West Bank and Golan Heights, are accused of involvement in a series of attacks on West Bank Palestinians, including the car-bombing of two West Bank mayors in June 1980 and the attack on the Hebron Islamic College last July in which three students were killed.

The charges filed against the 27 include premeditated murder, attempted murder, and membership in a terrorist organisation.

But it said the defence lawyers will try to turn the hearing into a "political trial" by proving that the Israeli government and West Bank civil administration were negligent in defending the Israelis living in West Bank settlements against attacks by Palestinians, and that the defendants were therefore left with no choice but to act in their own defence.

The paper said witnesses called by the defence might include former Defence Ministers Ezer Weizman and Ariel Sharon.

Jewish settlement leaders, and also some of the accused, have been quoted in media reports as saying that Mr. Weizman allowed radical Palestinian leaders to gain influence in the West Bank.

The car-bombing which crippled Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf followed the murder in May 1980 of six Jewish settlers returning home from Friday evening prayers in Hebron, and the attack on the Hebron Islamic College three weeks after the murder of a Jewish student in the centre of the town.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### EXHIBITIONS

\* A collection of paintings and other works of art by local and international artists on show at the Alia Art Gallery.

\* The Jordanian National Folklore art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

\* "Festival de Cannes" exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

\* "La naissance du cinema parlant" at the French Cultural Centre at 4:00 p.m.

\* "Baselin, Baseline" film by Michel Andrieu at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

**CULTURAL CENTRES**  
Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267  
American Centre ..... 44371  
American Centre Library ..... 41520  
British Council ..... 36147-8  
French Cultural Centre ..... 37009  
Goethe Institute ..... 44993  
Soviet Cultural Centre ..... 44203  
Spanish Cultural Centre ..... 24049  
Turkish Cultural Centre ..... 37777  
Hayat Arts Centre ..... 665195  
Hussein Youth City ..... 667181  
Y.W.C.A. ..... 41793  
American Municipal Library ..... 664251  
University of Jordan Library ..... 843555

**MUSEUMS**  
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes from 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qa'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a col-

lection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century Orientalist artists. Mntazah, Jabal Luvnehed. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

**CHURCHES**  
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) ..... 75261  
Jabal Amman, tel. 24590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) ..... 37400  
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) ..... 667157.  
Church of the Assumption (Greek Orthodox) ..... 23541.  
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) ..... 41559.  
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 75261.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) ..... 71751.  
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani. 663249.

**PRAYER TIMES**  
06:54 ..... Fajr  
07:30 ..... (Sunrise) Shariq  
11:55 ..... Dhuhir  
15:14 ..... Asr  
18:26 ..... Maghreb  
20:13 ..... Isha

## FOR THE TRAVELLER

### AMMAN AIRPORT

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05:50 ..... Cairo (MS)  
09:15 ..... Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
09:15 ..... New York, Vienna (RJ)  
09:30 ..... Agaba (RJ)  
09:45 ..... Munich, Bahrain (RJ)  
09:45 ..... Kuwait (RJ)  
10:00 ..... Dharan (RJ)  
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12:30 ..... Muscat, Dubai, Bahrain (GF)  
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05:45 ..... Cairo (RJ)  
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07:15 ..... Agaba (RJ)  
08:30 ..... Athens (JA)  
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16:40 ..... Medina, Jeddah (SV)  
18:30 ..... Kuwait, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
19:45 ..... Bahrain, Doha (RJ)  
19:45 ..... Dharan (RJ)  
20:15 ..... Jeddah (RJ)  
20:15 ..... Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
20:45 ..... Cairo (MS)  
23:30 ..... Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro (IA)

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Dutch guilder ..... 123.3/ 124  
Egyptian guinea ..... 323.3/ 327.6  
French franc ..... 45/ 45.3  
Iraqi dinar ..... 352.3/ 363.3  
Italian lire (for 100) ..... 22.4/ 22.6  
Japanese yen (for 100) ..... 162.9/ 163.9  
Lebanese lira ..... 64.1/ 65.1  
Omani rial ..... 109.0/ 109.6  
Qatari riyal ..... 103.3/ 104.1  
Saudi riyal ..... 107/ 107.5  
Swedish crown ..... 47/ 47.3  
Swiss franc ..... 164.4/ 169.4  
Syrian lira ..... 51.4/ 52  
UAE dirham ..... 102.6/ 103.5  
U.K. sterling pound ..... 522.8/ 525.9  
U.S. dollar ..... 378/ 380  
W. German mark ..... 139/ 139.8

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A decrease in temperature is expected, with northwesterly moderate winds freshening at times. In Agaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Low/high temperature in deg.C  
Amman ..... 20/ 23  
Agaba ..... 22/ 25  
Deserta ..... 17/ 28  
Jordan Valley ..... 20/ 30

Yesterday's high temperatures:  
Amman 24, Agaba 36. Humidity readings: Amman 38 per cent, Agaba 15 per cent.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

### EMERGENCIES

Ambulance ..... 193, 75111  
Firstaid, fire, police ..... 199  
Blood bank ..... 75121  
Civil Defence rescue ..... 66111  
Fire headquarters ..... 22090-3  
Police rescue ..... 192, 21111, 37777  
Traffic police ..... 39141  
University Hospital ..... 42362  
Electric Power Co. ..... 36581-2  
Municipal water service ..... 71125-8  
Queen Alia Int. Airport ..... (08) 53333

**HOSPITALS**  
Hussein Medical Centre ..... 813813-32  
Khaldi Maternity, J. Amman ..... 44281-4  
Al-Khaldi Maternity, J. Amman ..... 42441  
Jabal Amman Maternity ..... 42362  
Malhas, J. Amman ..... 36140  
Palestine, Shmeisani ..... 66471-4  
Shmeisani Hospital ..... 669131  
University Hospital ..... 42362  
Dr. Al-Shifa, J. Hussein ..... 667158  
Al-Musaher Hospital ..... 66727-9  
The Islamic, Abdali ..... 665292  
Al-Ahli, Abdali ..... 664164  
Italian, Al-Mahjari ..... 77101-3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh ..... 75113  
Army, Marka ..... 91611

**IRBID**  
Dr. Bassem Malkawi ..... 2449  
Al Awdah pharmacy ..... 2357

**ZARQA:**  
Dr. Yehia Hajir ..... 34354  
Al Amal pharmacy ..... (-)

### GENERAL

Jordan Television ..... 73111  
Radio Jordan ..... 74111  
Ministry of Tourism ..... 42311  
Hotel complaints ..... 664612  
Price complaints .....



## Armico to buy shares in Jordanian iron producers

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Mining Company (Armico) board has decided to buy 25 per cent of the capital in the Jordanian Industrial Engineering Company, which amounts to JD 15 million.

This decision was announced by Armico's board at the end of the first day of their meeting in Amman Saturday evening.

The projects which the Jordanian company are going to carry out aim to produce nearly 17,000 tonnes of iron and steel products annually.

The Amman-based company's

board also reviewed mining projects in which Armico holds shares in Morocco, Mauritania, Iraq and Syria, and endorsed the final accounts included in the company's report for 1983.

The board meeting was chaired by Mr. Hussein Al Jasem, representative of Kuwait, and attended by Armico's Director-General Thabet Al Taher.

Also present at the meeting were the ministers of mining and resources from Somalia and Mauritania.

## Jordanian-Soviet society marks 38th anniversary

MOSCOW (Petra) — On the occasion of Jordan's 38th anniversary of its independence, the chairman of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society, Alex Savanov, said that the Soviet Union, which stands firmly against all kinds of aggression, will always support the Arab nations in their struggle to achieve their legitimate rights, and Israeli aggression and establish a durable and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Savanov, who is also Soviet deputy health minister, was speaking Sunday during a celebration given by the society on the occasion of the anniversary.

He stressed that Jordanian-Soviet relations are friendly and that they will continue to develop in the interest of the two nations serving the cause of peace in the Middle East and all over the world.

At the celebration, the society's deputy chairman, Nicolas Savinkov, also addressed the audience during which he hailed the economic, commercial, scientific and cultural relations between the two countries.

Jordanian ambassador to the Soviet Union Faleh Al Tawil, who also attended the celebration, spoke warmly about relations between the two nations and stressed its development in a number of fields. Mr. Tawil also lauded the Soviet role in training Jordanian vocational instructors.

## Nabulsi: Rural projects to halt migration to cities

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hamdullah Nabulsi said here Sunday that his ministry has drawn up plans to complete work on basic public service projects in a number of villages.

He said that the ministry will complete the laying of water pipes, electricity cables and will finish the building of roads along with other facilities in two years' time.

This, he said, should raise the standard of living in the rural regions and help halt the movement of people to the urban areas.

The minister was speaking at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office here during the opening of a four-day seminar to orientate the heads of 50 village councils on

the means to improve public services and other subjects related to their councils.

"The councils should help in spreading awareness among the public so that every citizen can help his village council in implementing projects and taking part in improving services," Mr. Nabulsi said.

Mr. Nabulsi said that his ministry will hold training courses and seminars and will prepare village councils to take over municipality responsibilities in the future.

The seminar, organised in co-operation with Yarmouk University, is designed to familiarise heads of village councils with municipal laws, finance regulations, local administration and other subjects.

## Arab medical meeting discusses specialisations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher Arab Medical Specialisation Council opened a three-day meeting at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman Sunday to discuss topics related to medical specialisation in the Arab World.

Health Minister Kamel Al Ajluni opened the meeting with a speech in which he outlined the importance of the scientific councils formed by the council which he said are designed to raise the standard of medical practice in the Arab World.

He also referred to the co-operation that exists between universities, the Health Ministry and the Jordanian Medical Association in Jordan for to improve medical services to the public.

Also speaking at the opening session was the council's chairman, Dr. Ali Fakhr, who spoke about a project to issue specialised diplomas to doctors.

The council then endorsed resolutions taken by the council's committees and the 1983 budget.

## RCC exhibition portrays country throughout ages

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition of paintings portraying the Jordanian environment was opened at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) in Amman to mark Jordan's 38th Independence Day.

The exhibition, which was opened by Amman Mayor Abdul 'Auf Al Rawabdeh, has been organised by the Tourism Authority in co-operation with the

Jordan Folk Heritage Club and the University of Jordan.

On display for five days are 55 paintings depicting Jordan from when it was inhabited by the Nabateans right up to the present time, and presenting a picture of Jordanian folk heritage.

Also on display are four sculptures, handicrafts, brass ware and traditional costumes.

## Australian trade fair begins

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Australian trade display was opened Sunday at the Holiday Inn hotel.

Minister of Agriculture Mohammad Bashir inaugurated the opening of the display. Mr. Bashir commended Jordanian-Australian relations and hoped for

better future co-operation in various fields.

The opening was attended by the Australian Ambassador to Jordan Richard Gate, Ministry of Agriculture Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawati and various Australian and Jordanian businessmen.



The annual meeting of the Arab Mining Company (Armico) which Saturday evening reviewed the Armico board report for 1983 (Petra photo)

## Rallies marches continue independence celebrations

AMMAN (Petra) — Further celebrations were held in a number of governorates Sunday to mark Jordan's 38th Independence Day anniversary.

In South Shuneh, a big rally was held in the playground of the local school and notables from the town made speeches on the occasion outlining the various achievements realised in Jordan since 1946.

A march was also held from the town to the monument of the Unknown Soldier at Karameh in which the district governor, Abdul Lah Al Udwan, and other officials took part.

In Aqaba, where the streets were decorated with flags, posters and portraits of King Hussein, there was a firework display and the army brass band paraded through the streets playing music.

At a local school an educational aids exhibition was held and visited by officials and members of the public.

The Aquamarina Club in Aqaba will hold a water skiing competition Monday in which local and American skiers will take part.

In Mahes near Salt, the Independence anniversary was marked by marches and national dabke dances in the streets and main squares.

In Madaba, a charitable bazaar was organised at the Latin School for Girls and was attended by the director of education, Abdul Latif Al Sheikh, and other officials.

On display for three days are paintings, embroidery and needlework, artificial flowers, and children's toys. Senior officials attended the opening ceremony.

### March in Karak

At Mazar in the Karak Governorate, a march was organised in which scouts and members of youth organisations carried posters and flags and later took part in national dancing and songs performed in the city squares.

At the end of the march, Karak Governor Ahmad Al Qur'an opened an exhibition at the town's secondary school displaying educational aids and other items like embroidery, artificial flowers, national costumes and other handicrafts. The exhibition will last for five days.

At Ruseifeh north of here, the streets were bedecked with flags and decorative signs. The town's scouts and members of youth clubs organised a march in the town and carried posters and portraits of King Hussein.

At 'Awajan in the Zarqa district, the director of the education department opened an art exhibition which featured paintings, national costumes, educational aids, embroidery and needlework.

At Ain Al Pasha town near Salt, people organised a march and national dances in the streets which were bedecked with flags and posters with national slogans.

Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat received cables of good wishes on the occasion from prime ministers of Arab and friendly countries and also from speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of parliament, heads of municipal and village council, presidents of trade unions, leaders of Christian and Muslim communities, and other members of the public.

## Noor opens Suweileh community centre

By Olga Mikhail  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Her Majesty Queen Noor inaugurated Sunday the new community centre at Suweileh which was built with the help of students at the University of Jordan.

Attending the ceremony was Minister of Social Development Abdul Salam Kana'an, Mrs. In'am Al Mufti, Suweileh Mayor Dr. Mohammad Al Dalahmeh, Dr. Sari Nasir, founder of the community centres project, and representatives from Suweileh society.

Queen Noor told the Jordan Times and Radio Jordan that "this centre seems to have sprung from the hearts of many who have felt the importance of providing such facilities for the young in the country."

It has given the boys and girls who have helped to create this centre, she continued, "the opportunity to learn to develop themselves and to make a contribution to society."

I hope it will serve as an inspiration to many more members of the community to see what can be achieved with good heart, good work and love, she added.

The centre was begun in 1981 on the initiative of Dr. Nasir, professor of sociology at the University of Jordan.

The finance for the project was amassed through donations from Jordanian citizens and institutions, while the actual construction was done by the students themselves under the supervision of Dr. Nasir.

Dr. Dalahmeh said in his speech that the municipality of Suweileh had donated a four dunum piece of land and had also provided the centre with the infrastructure.

"We are very happy to see that this project has become a reality," he said.

Dr. Dalahmeh then briefly mentioned the achievements attained by the municipality during the last three years.

Also speaking at the inauguration ceremony was Miss Amal Nafe, the University of Jor-

dan students' representative. Miss Nafe said that the Suweileh community centre is the second such centre to be built in such a way after the Hay Nazzal centre.

"I can say that all the students from the university have contributed in making this project a success", she said.

"We students hope that this experience will be broadened to ensure such a service reaches most of our underprivileged areas", she concluded.

Dr. Nasir said in an interview

with the Jordan Times that "many of our underprivileged areas have deprived children who are in need of a centre that will help them utilise their time instead of spending it playing in the street where they are liable to be involved in accidents".

About the objectives of the centre, Dr. Nasir said that as a professor at an Arab university, "I feel that we ought to experiment in the way we try to develop our educational system."

He went on to say that "it is very important to get our students out of their classrooms and into the society, to work with them in identifying social problems and get them to participate in finding solutions to such problems in the community," he added.

The Suweileh community centre comprises a children's library, a theatre, a clinic, a multipurpose room, a store house, a garden and a children's playground.

Other activities, like teaching literacy classes, weaving, sewing and typing are to be provided. The capacity of the centre will be the same as the Hay Nazzal centre which can presently accommodate about 300 children a day.

"We will ask for the help of students from various disciplines in the university to play a role in the centre's activities while some medical doctors will, it is hoped, volunteer to work in the clinic once or twice a week", Dr. Nasir said.

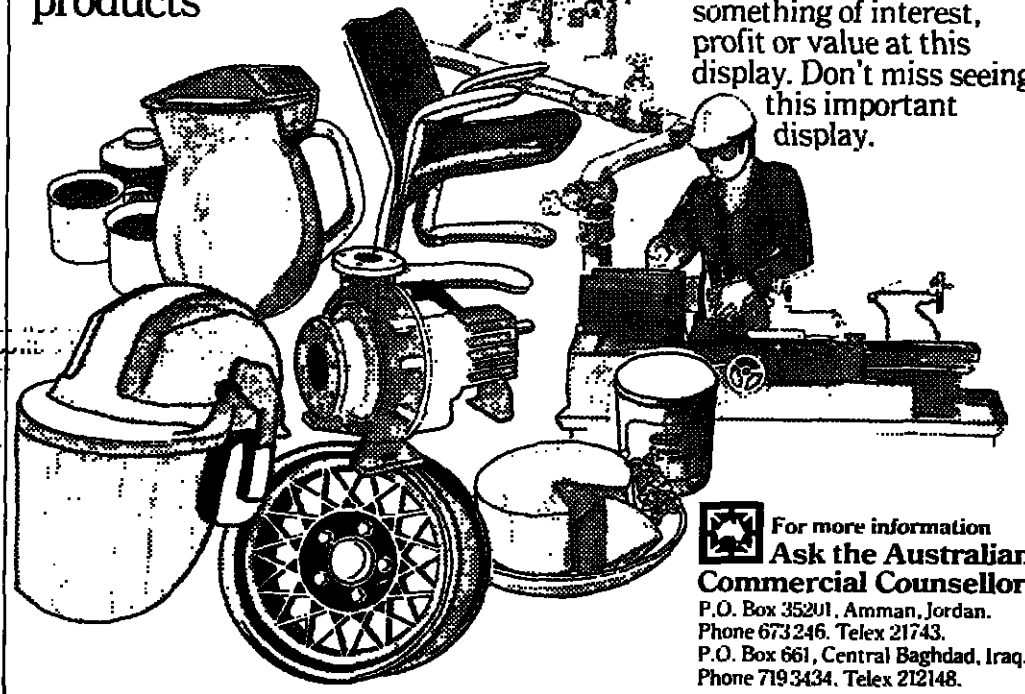
"We will also try to persuade the University of Jordan to have a medical community research centre where doctors from the university will be able to operate at the clinic," Dr. Nasir concluded.

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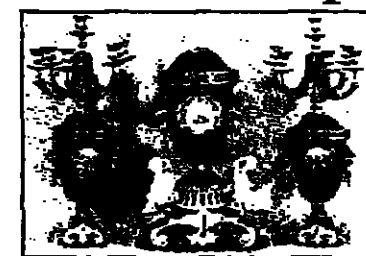
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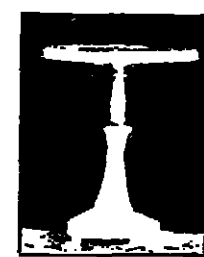
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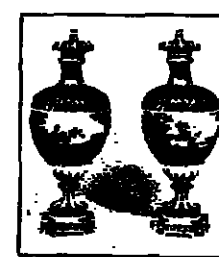
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# Entertainment City puts Kuwait on the tourist map

By John Kohut  
Reuter

KUWAIT — Red-chequered and white Arabic headresses flutter from the "oasis express" plunging down roller-coaster tracks. A flying saucer slithers up a minaret-like tower called the "space needle".

Traditional Arab tunes alternate with synthesizer music, their tones battling the electronic cacophony of "space-invader" and "astro-blast" game machines as they drift across the desert.

Where once only an occasional bedouin camel-train or goatherd passed now stands what is billed as "a magic world of pleasure", a multi-million dollar fun-fair designed to put Kuwait on the tourist map of the Middle East.

The Amusement Park, in the desert some 20 kilometres west of the skyscrapers and traffic-clogged streets of Kuwait City, took six years to plan and build and is one of the affluent state's most recent and grandiose prestige projects.

"People outside Kuwait still think of our country as just a desert," Entertainment City's general manager Adel Al Fahed told Reuters. "Entertainment City shows the world what social level Kuwait has reached."

But the government's main reason for putting up \$100 million to build this "world of dreams" was basically for the fun of it, he added.

"How to spend spare time is one of the biggest problems of our youth," Mr. Fahed explained. "There are not many places for them to go."

So far both children and adults have responded with enthusiasm to the government's investment in their happiness.

Since it opened on March 12 over 250,000 people — about one-seventh of Kuwait's population — have visited the park, 60 to 70 per cent of them native Kuwaitis.

State-owned Touristic Enterprises, which runs the project, aims only at breaking even, charging the equivalent of about \$1.60 for entrance and 0.80 dollars for most rides.

It is already thinking of making Entertainment City into a Middle Eastern tourist spot and of expanding the park, which currently has a capacity of 12,000 people at a time.

Mr. Fahed said talks had begun with Gulf Air, Kuwait Airlines and Saudia, as well as with some of Kuwait's hotels, on the possibility of introducing package holidays for other Gulf residents wanting to visit the park.

"I think it could become a Mid-

dle Eastern tourist centre ... there is nothing else like it in the region," he said.

A team of 10 managers, operators and technicians spent four months in the United States, studying amusement parks such as Disneyland in California and Opryland in Nashville, he said.

An American consultant was hired to help design the park, which is divided into three sections.

In the International world, women draped in black chadors and men in the white thobes stroll with their children through a street that looks like part of America's Wild West.

The 19th century-style hotel has not yet opened and the general store sells only stuffed animal toys. But the equivalent of \$0.30 buys 15 tries at a Wild West shooting gallery where a bit makes an owl hoot, lamps flicker and a dummy pianist bang out a song.

A European auto tour takes the visitor past replicas of the Eiffel Tower, London's Big Ben and the leaning tower of Pisa, while a jungle boat ride conjures up images of Africa.

The future world, with rides such as the "moon orbiter" and "atom smasher", also houses in a geodesic dome Kuwait's only legal publicly-displayed electronic games, with names like "astro blaster" and "money money".

In the Arab World, electric boats take visitors through the realm of Sinbad the Sailor, where a genie emerges yawning from a lamp, turbaned little men puff at giant hookah pipes and strange birds poke their heads out of barrel-size eggs.

Water is everywhere throughout the park, from people emerging soaked from an Australian log ride to little lakes where dhow are moored.

"This place gives our children a chance to learn," said Mr. Fahed. "For example, they have heard about trains, but outside of Entertainment City, Kuwait has none."

The Park's planners have also taken into account Islamic principles. Sundays and Tuesdays have been set aside for bachelors, who are abruptly turned away if they try to enter on other days of the week reserved for families.

There is no mosque yet, though Mr. Fahed said one was planned. In the meantime prayer-mats have been spread for the faithful in three buildings used as make-shift places of worship.

Asked if Entertainment City was perhaps out of character with Islam or Arab tradition, Mr. Fahed said: "Our goal is to have people smile ... whether it's in the East or West, we will bring it here to make people happy."

## American shoppers move to mail order

The U.S. mail order business is booming, reports Terry Dodsworth. — You can even sell a cosmetic made from cactus roots through the post.

NEW YORK — Tova Borgnine is the Norwegian wife of Ernest Borgnine, the film actor, and looks as though she might have been a film star herself in the not too distant past. Her ambitions, however, set her worlds apart from the Hollywood dream factories. She is intent on creating one of the world's big cosmetics companies, and at 42, she reckons she has found the formula for doing it — mail order catalogues.

"I want to be the next Estee Lauder," she says with an unerring touch of determination. Then she tells you how she will achieve it: sales of \$12 million this year, margins of "well over" 20 per cent, a \$100 million turnover by 1987 so that she can sponsor an academy award, and then a steady progression to the target of becoming a \$1 billion a year company.

"It took Estee Lauder 17 years to crack this market," she says. "I want to get at least near that."

The idea of such extraordinary growth in a mature industry, which has been plodding on steadily since catalogues replaced shops on the frontier, might seem preposterous. But experts by no means rule it out.

Mail order has been growing by leaps and bounds in the U.S., expanding at least twice as fast as over-the-counter retailing. Between 1975 and 1983, the catalogue market jumped from \$20 billion a year to \$44.4 billion. Forecasters reckon it will continue to develop at around 15 per cent a year over the next few years, more than twice the expected inflation rate.

"There has been a change in

buying patterns," says Carl Bloom, president of Bloom and Geld, a New York direct marketing agency. "There is a big convenience factor for two income families where both partners are working. But I also believe that people do it because they enjoy it. If you browse through three or four catalogues over coffee on Saturday morning you are going on a shopping tour, and you often get better service than in the shops themselves."

Tova Borgnine drifted into this booming market more or less by chance. A beautician by trade, she was running a boutique in Las Vegas, and had just developed a range of her own skin care products based on a novel formula — an ancient Aztec recipe for longevity drawn from the roots of the cactus.

She was finding it difficult, however, to turn the prickly Nevada cactus into a glamorous marketing vehicle until her husband, who had been using the skin care products, gave them a big plug in an interview.

"When I opened his fan mail later there were \$50,000-worth of orders," says Tova. She had stumbled on the potential of mail order by using a technique for which many companies pay big money — a well-placed promotion in the press. "I had to decide quickly whether I was going to return the money or put a company together," she adds. "I set the whole thing up in six weeks and shipped 3,146 parcels."

Mr. Bloom says that this is exactly the sort of start any new mail order or catalogue company dreams of. The initial breakthrough is

becoming progressively more difficult, he believes, as the field becomes increasingly competitive. Ernest Borgnine's unexpected mail delivery created a list of potential clients — and lists are the raw material of sales in the mail order business.

To establish them companies go in for some extraordinary gimmicks. Neiman-Marcus, for instance, the up-market Dallas-based store, publishes a Christmas catalogue in which it traditionally offers a self-indulgent present for the man who has everything. One year it was a private security vault in a cave in the Rockies. Another it was his and hers aeroplanes, and the catalogue always has a few whimsical under \$25 items, such as bourbon-flavoured, after-dinner toothpaste.

Tova Borgnine has adapted this idea in her latest catalogue with the offer of a British-built Concorde, currently operated by a leasing company, and priced at \$117 million. She claims to have lined up one potential customer, and promises a party to end all parties if the deal is clinched.

A more conventional way to obtaining a mailing list is to buy one. List-broking in the U.S. has become a highly sophisticated business. Companies that have established themselves in the mail order business sell off their entire lists, or parts of them, at rates of around \$75 per 1,000 names.

Names are often sorted and broken down to identify the steady or big purchasers, geographical locations of clients and so on. There are even companies, says Bloom, which publish loss-leading ads for an annual newsletter in order to flush out a list of

names that can then be sold to a catalogue client.

There is obviously a catch in all this. This list itself is not enough in a business which is so obviously lucrative that it is bound to become more competitive. The catalogues that survive have to offer something different.

The market breaks down into three broad groups. There are the big, established catalogues of the large chain store retailers, led by Sears Roebuck, which has the most famous catalogue of all, immortalised in many a Hollywood glimpse of fireside life on the frontier.

Then there are those which are published simply to promote a name. Both Citibank and Chemical Bank, for example, now have catalogues for which credits are earned by using the banks' other services — pure loss leaders to capture as many accounts as possible.

Finally, there are the specialists who concentrate on highly specific market sectors — anything from antique clocks to tableware. One of the most famous of these publications, L.L. Bean's camping and hiking catalogue, presents an amazing cornucopia of products for the hard outdoor man and has gained sufficient prominence to be honoured by a ruthless parody. Sold in New York bookstores, the spoof publication offers such products as full-dress waders and fresh air fresheners, along with several items which can hardly be described in a family newspaper.

Indeed, the plethora of lampooning publications of this type is a good indication that many of the catalogues themselves are not far short of self-parody.

## Algerian women gain more legal rights

By Charles Lambelin  
Reuter

ALGIERS — Algerian women may soon be on a more equal legal footing with their men after centuries of second-class citizenship, if a radical "personal status" code is approved by parliament.

The government is grappling with one of Algeria's most controversial issues — the family code, which touches on women's right in an Islamic society striving to be more egalitarian. Last month parliament began debating the proposed legislation in the fifth attempt to approve it since Algeria won its independence from France in 1962.

Political sources say the government is using kid gloves to handle the contentious proposal.

The draft law has not been published and only glimpses of the text, dealing with the organisation of the family and the role of women, have surfaced in the official press.

Several women intellectuals said privately they were still doubtful that the text would ever see the light of day.

The 250-article draft code deals with engagement, marriage, dowry, polygamy, repudiation, inheritance and tutelage.

According to the local press, the government and the ruling National Liberation Front Party, which debated the code heatedly and at length, seem to have opted for a compromise to advance through this social minefield.

Although the draft, like the constitution, proclaims the equality of men and women in rights, it maintains Islamic laws placing men as the head of the family. But the code curbs the most severe aspects.

In particular, the government wants to redress injustices such as forcing women to marry against their will and taking children away from their mothers without justification, the weekly "Algerie

Actualites" said.

The draft law allows a man to take a second wife, with the proviso that he will have to treat his wives equally. Divorce is discouraged but is allowed if reconciliation is impossible.

"The main aim of the text is to lay a sound and solid foundation for the Algerian family ruled by understanding, inspired by Islamic legislation ... and answering the needs of modernism and development," the Algerian News Agency APS said.

"Unhealthy customs" introduced in the name of modernism of conservative Islamism would be weeded out under the new code, Justice Minister Boualem Bakri was quoted as saying.

The new text aims at filling a legal gap. The 1975 civil code did not deal with married women's rights, stating that "in the absence of any legal regulation, the judge acts according to the principle of the Muslim rights, or otherwise,

according to customs", which leaves it open to interpretation.

Although women played an important part in the liberation war against France and many became doctors, lawyers, engineers and journalists, 22 years after independence Algeria remains a male-dominated country compared to neighbouring Tunisia.

In 1957, Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba forced through a new code abolishing repudiation and polygamy, making it the first country with Islam as its state religion banning polygamy.

However, in Tunisia, like in other Maghreb countries, men and women still remain unequal concerning inheritance, with a son receiving twice as much as a daughter.

Although legislation is the first step to protect women's rights, it does not abolish overnight her often inferior position in daily life, according to an Algerian sociologist.

Randa Habib's  
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## Let's combat misery

LAST WEEK one of my readers called me, and she was concerned over the problem of the needy people, the lack of hygiene and comfort of those families.

From the window of her office she said she could see a family of 12 persons living in shocking conditions in what is supposed to be a house, wearing T-shirts in summer as in winter and nothing else: no pants, no shirts and of course barefooted. My reader asked: "What can we do for these people and for dozens of others?" I felt helpless. I know that there are welfare organisations who try to use the donations received wisely, but let us be objective. We have a needy class in Jordan, people that are quite miserable. Right here in Amman we can meet them, see them and study their cases in addition to hundreds of poor people in the villages, those who live in caves and those who are homeless.

Yes, let us not pretend those people do not exist. It is the government who should locate them, count them, visit them, study their cases and help them. Of course there are also the lazy people, but they do not form part of this category.

Many families are poor because the father has died or is handicapped and there are many children who are very young still, thus the mother is unable to work. Why can't they establish a system of foodstamps which guarantees that while not giving out money, all the children are sure to have decent meals. On the other hand those families can reciprocate by participating in small works such as contributing to keeping their environment tidy and clean.

Regarding the financing of this campaign it is more than enough that some wealthy families pay their "Zaka" which is part of a Muslim religious duty in Islam, to get the project going.

## Inmates find place in movie business

By Tara Bradley-Steck  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Inmate Larry Lindsay is spending part of his jail term in a more glamorous job than making license plates or doing laundry. He has landed a role in a Hollywood movie.

Lindsay, who is serving up to 10 months for burglary and criminal conspiracy, is one of 50 Allegheny County jail inmates playing turn-of-the-century prisoners in "Mrs. Soffel," and MGM movie being filmed in Pittsburgh.

But the 24-year-old is already finding that celluloid fame has its price — He says his girlfriend doesn't like the haircut the film production company required.

"She told me she wouldn't talk to me if I shaved my beard," he said, flashing a smooth chin. "I had a really long one, too."

MGM's instructions were that inmates had to cut their hair if it couldn't be hidden by a skullcap. Beards were forbidden, and moustaches — the longer the better — were preferred.

Jail supervisor Edward Urban said he told the prisoners there would be some radical haircuts required when he asked for volunteers.

"But almost all 500 inmates signed up anyway," he said.

The movie, set in 1902, recounts the true story of a warden's wife who helped two death row prisoners escape from the same Allegheny County jail complex.

Diane Keaton plays Mrs. Soffel and Australian Actor Mel Gibson plays Ed Biddle, one of the escapees.

Most of the film was shot in Ontario, Canada, earlier this year. But the production came to Pittsburgh for a week to film scenes that revolve around the century-old jail.

Five blocks in a busy downtown section have been roped off and the pavement covered with a thin layer of mud and fake snow.

Gas lamps have replaced streetlights, and horses and buggies rattle over a thoroughfare usually jammed by motor traffic.

Lindsay and the other inmates are making their acting debuts on Monday and Tuesday, when the production goes inside the jail. This weekend most of the filming was done outside, using the facility's high granite walls as a backdrop.

"I picked a good time to come to jail," Lindsay said. "I'm a Jack of all trades. I did a little bit of carpentry and a little bit of welding before I went to jail, but I never did any acting. I figured it can't hurt to learn."

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## Olympic officials draw up new plans to avert boycott

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — Olympic leaders meet here Monday to draw up plans for a final attempt to avert the Soviet boycott of the Los Angeles Games.

The president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Juan Antonio Samaranch, is to fly to Moscow on Wednesday for talks with Soviet government officials aimed at persuading the Soviets to change their minds about withdrawing from the games which begin in July.

Sources close to the Olympic movement said Samaranch learned at a meeting of sports officials from communist countries in Prague on Thursday that his request for high-level talks had been accepted by Moscow.

The sources said Samaranch

was expected to discuss the crisis with foreign minister Andrei Gromyko rather than Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko because it was felt Gromyko had been more instrumental in the boycott decision.

Eleven other countries have joined the Soviet Union in pulling out of the games, citing concern for the safety of their athletes in Los Angeles.

Since announcing its withdrawal on May 8, Moscow has insisted its decision is irrevocable.

The sources, who attended Thursday's Prague meeting, also

said sports officials from 11 countries had criticised the decision to stage the 1988 summer games in South Korea, a country with strong U.S. connections.

There was speculation in Lausanne that Samaranch would use his Moscow visit to discuss the Soviet Union's attitude to the Seoul Games as well as the Los Angeles boycott.

Samaranch will be accompanied to Moscow by Primo Nebiolo, President of the Association of Summer Sports Federations, and Mario Vazquez Rana, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees.

The sources said the three were expected to leave Moscow on Sunday for the three-day meeting.

But there was little optimism apparent in Lausanne that Samaranch would be able to persuade Moscow to reverse its decision.

## McEnroe demolishes Lendl in World Team Tennis Cup

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — John McEnroe notched his 36th consecutive singles win Sunday, demolishing Ivan Lendl 6-3, 6-2 to give the United States a 1-0 lead over Czechoslovakia in the World Team Tennis Cup final.

McEnroe produced a virtually flawless performance which left the world's number two floundering in the 75-minute match.

The American, who has won their last five matches, showed he has hit peak form on clay, supposedly his weakest surface, in time for this week's French Open, a tournament he has never won.

McEnroe said afterwards: "I felt like I played a pretty good match. I had real good concentration out there. I pretty much controlled the match."

The slippery conditions — rain stopped play for 22 minutes in the second set — posed more problems for Lendl than McEnroe. He fell twice, scraping his left hand and leg and apparently twisting his right ankle.

At the after-match news conference, he said a large bump on his forehead had resulted from a

blow from his racket during one of the falls. But he added none of the injuries was serious.

McEnroe's form on clay — he has dropped just 17 games in four matches this week — is bound to make him favourite to win in Paris.

But he played down the prospect of a Grand Slam this year. "I think the chances are very slim," he said. "I'll be happy if I win one or two Grand Slam tournaments."

McEnroe broke Lendl's service to lead 2-0 in the opening set and then saved five break points to

move to 3-0.

But from then on he was never troubled, dropping just seven more points in his next seven service games, and posing Lendl all kinds of problems.

Tomas Smid squared the match at 1-1 with a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory over Jimmy Arias.

The match and the \$200,000 first prize will now be decided in the concluding doubles.

Smid saved match point at 8-7 down in the tiebreak, going on to take three points in a row to clinch it at 10-8.

### Ghanem brothers win bridge contest

By Takako Nakayama

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Third Amman Bridge Tournament, organised by the Jordan Bridge Association (JBA), completed its finals for pairs on Saturday, after a 3-day tournament at the Commodore Hotel. The winners, G. and M. Ghanem are a Jordanian pair which have maintained a partnership for 12 years.

The Ghanem brothers said they were happy to be winners for the first time in a major tournament.

According to JBA Secretary Awwad Haddad, the Amman Bridge Tournament has taken place annually, as part of Independence Day celebrations since 1981.

Mr. Awwad said that the number of participants has increased over the last three years, and a total of 44 pairs from countries such as Egypt, Lebanon, Kuwait, Cyprus, Greece and Jordan have played for the \$1,000 prize.

The tournament will come to an end with a gala on Monday night, after a 2-day session for the teams.

## Napoli chases Maradona

NAPLES, Italy (R) — Napoli have reached a provisional agreement with Barcelona for the transfer of Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona. Italian state-owned television reported Saturday night.

The report said Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino and director Antonio Juliano had made a provisional agreement to pay Barcelona 12 billion lire (\$7.1 million) for Maradona, who had agreed to the move although the two clubs had still to work out the final details.

Club sources said it was possible another Argentine, World Cup striker Ramon Diaz, would move to Barcelona in part exchange for Maradona, although spokesman Carlo Juliano, no relation to the director, said negotiations had been postponed until Monday.

To add to the confusion, Diaz is jointly owned by both Napoli and Avellino.

If Napoli complete the signing of Maradona, the chances are they will also want to transfer one of their two other foreigners, Brazilian Dirceu or Dutch defender Ruud Krol.

Napoli fans telephoned newspaper and television offices all day in an effort to keep up with the reported transfer and a banner saying "Maradona, welcome to Naples" was unfurled in a Naples street.

Rumours concerning Maradona have been rife since the news that former English International Terry Venables would be joining Barcelona from Queen's Park Rangers as replacement for outgoing Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti.

Maradona, currently in the United States, was last week quoted as saying: "The English style of football doesn't suit me."

In Barcelona, a spokesman for Maradona said the Spanish club had agreed to consider an offer from Napoli but that nothing had been signed.

## Finland stuns N. Ireland

PORI, Finland (R) — Finland caused the first upset in the World Soccer Cup qualifying competition when they beat Northern Ireland 1-0 in their European Group Three match here Sunday.

Striker Ari Valvee snatched the decisive goal nine minutes into the second half after a mistake by Irish defender John McClelland to secure only the Finns' second win in 23 matches.

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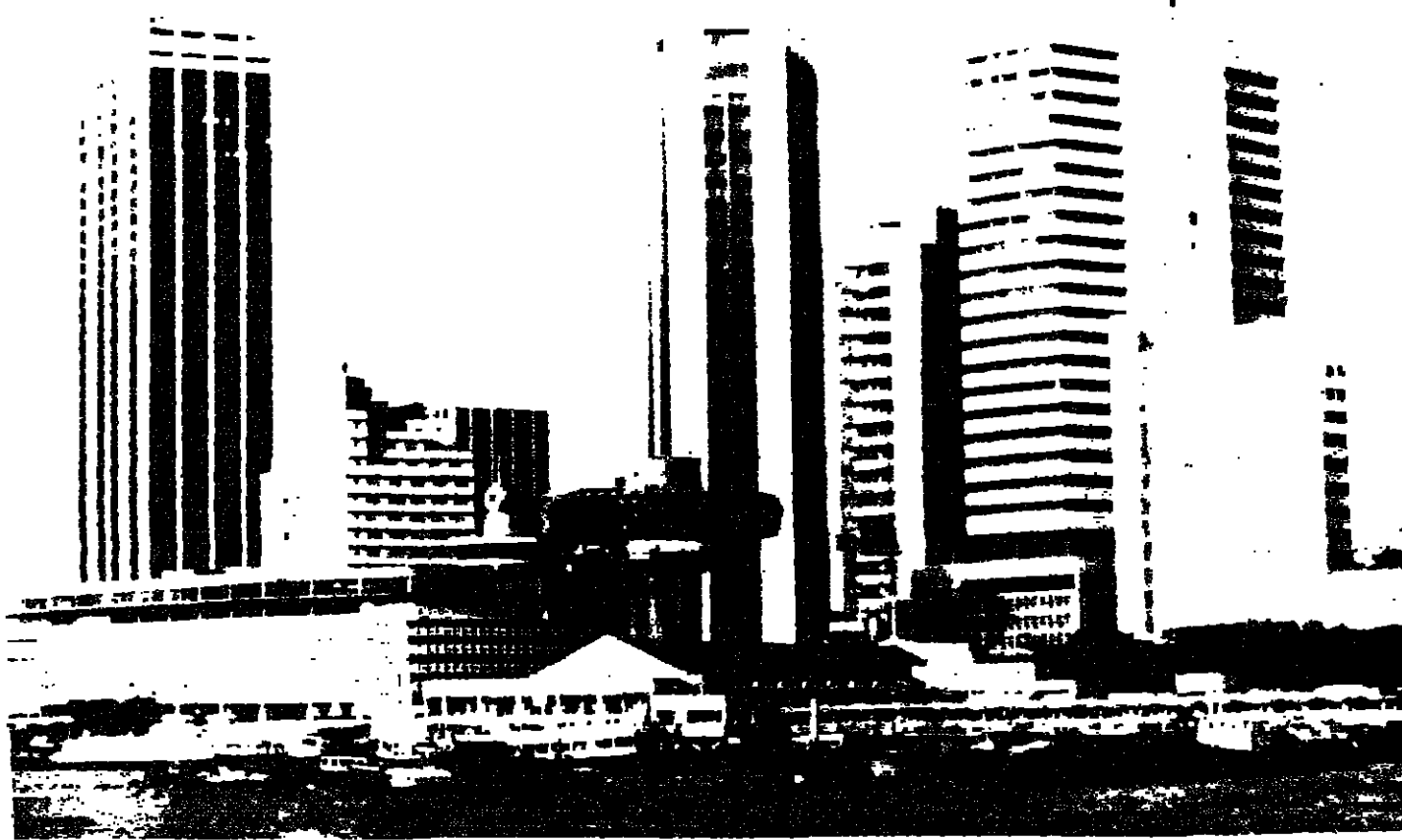
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## Dominican Republic faces 'war economy'

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Government officials said Saturday this Caribbean nation faces a "war economy" without a war because of the breakdown in loan negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mr. Luis Gonzalo Fabra, a spokesman for President Salvador Jorge Blanco, used the term "war economy" in disclosing that austerity measures such as gasoline rationing were under consideration for the 5.6 million Dominicans.

That same stand was taken by Mr. Hatuey de Camps, Minister of the Presidency, who said, "we will have to manage our economy as if in a state of war."

He also said high-level delegations will soon travel to the United States and other nations to

explain the Dominican situation, and added the government has not ruled out new talks with the IMF team. It returned to Washington on Friday.

Mr. Jose Santos Taveras, Governor of the Dominican Central Bank and chief negotiator with the IMF, said in an interview, "we are in a state of economic emergency," and the future will be very difficult.

The Dominican Republic has a foreign debt of \$2.4 billion.

Late Thursday, Mr. Jorge Blanco announced he had stopped talks with the IMF because he refused to go along with the lending agency and hike gasoline prices.

Government officials noted that 54 people were killed last month in riots protesting increased food prices.

The possible loss of an IMF loan

for more than \$400 million also will freeze some \$220 million in other aid, most of it from the United States. That aid was tied to the IMF loan agreement, which was suspended in January because the government failed to meet IMF "performance criteria."

The IMF wanted gasoline and other petroleum products shifted to what is termed a "parallel" rate of exchange of nearly three Dominican pesos to one U.S. dollar, compared to the "official" rate of one peso to a dollar.

When IMF talks were going on in April, Mr. Jorge Blanco shifted many imports to the parallel rate, increasing prices of basic foods by as much as 200 per cent. That led to the April 23-26 riots in which at least 1,000 people were arrested.

Mr. Jorge Blanco instituted a two-tiered rate of exchange last

year—the floating "parallel" rate and the "official" rate—to control losses of foreign exchange to the black market without devaluing the currency.

Gasoline at the pumps now costs 2.30 pesos a gallon. Going to the parallel rate probably would push the price to nearly 7 pesos a gallon.

The Dominican Republic imports all of its oil, and it has been hurt by a fall in the world market for its chief export, sugar, and higher oil prices.

In 1974, a thousand pounds of Dominican sugar bought 12 barrels of oil, now it buys only four.

The government, which spends about one-fourth of the national budget on interest payments, had negotiated a three-year IMF agreement last year.

## Japan says oil supply will not be affected

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's imports of crude oil will not suffer immediately despite Japanese shipowners' decision not to assign any tankers to Kuwait or northern Saudi Arabia following attacks on shipping in the Arabian Gulf, local newspapers reported Sunday.

The reports said Japan can charter foreign-owned tankers to replace Japanese vessels and has 94 days of oil reserves at present.

Quoting Ministry of International Trade and Industry officials, the mass-circulation newspaper Yomiuri said that under the decision, Japan still can load oil at Saudi Arabia's largest oil supply port, Ras Tannurah.

## Saudi riyal deposit rates remain steady

BAHRAIN (R) — Interest rates on large Saudi riyal deposits at offshore banks in Bahrain were unchanged Sunday from Saturday in very quiet trading, dealers said.

They said the market was at a virtual standstill ahead of Monday's market holidays in the U.S. and Britain, awaiting indications of the dollar's future trend against the background of current U.S. banking problems.

Day-to-day funds traded around 12 per cent, unchanged from Saturday's levels.

One, three and six-month funds were also unchanged from Saturday at 11 1/4 per cent for one month, 12 1/4 per cent for three months and 12 1/2 per cent for six months.

The spot riyal was slightly firmer in the absence of a devaluation by the Saudi Arabian monetary authority, and dealers said no change in its parity was now likely until after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, beginning later this week.

They quoted the spot riyal at 3.5203/08 to the dollar, up from

3.5210/15 Saturday.

In Kuwait, interest rates on domestic Kuwaiti dinar deposits were little changed in dull trading, dealers said.

Rates were largely nominal, with one, three and six-month deposits quoted as high as 10 1/4-9 1/4 per cent and as low as 9 1/4-8 1/4 per cent. But there was little trading, as is usual on a Sunday, dealers said.

Sunday night, spot/next and Monday next funds were all quoted between six and eight per cent, with the Central Bank offering short-dated funds on a selective basis at about 7 1/4 per cent.

The Central Bank left its commercial and free market rates unchanged at 0.29299/335 and 0.29299/585 to the dollar.

The spot dinar was quoted at about Saturday's level of 0.29584/86 to the dollar.

## Total agrees to begin development of China oilfield

PEKING (R) — Total China, a subsidiary of Cie Francaise des Petroles (CFP), has agreed with China to begin preliminary development of the first oilfield in the Beibu gulf in the South China Sea, a Chinese spokesman said Sunday.

Total would survey the bed of the Wei 10-3 field this year then install a pipe frame and begin drilling in 1985, the new China News Agency quoted a spokesman of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) as saying.

He said if trial production succeeded it would lead to mass production and estimated that crude oil would flow by 1986.

## Jamaica to reschedule debt payments

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The Jamaican government has disclosed plans to reschedule foreign loans due between July 1, 1983, and March 31, 1985.

Government financial officials have approached the Paris-based OECD for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and will make similar overtures to non-OECD creditors, according to a press statement Friday by Prime Minister Edward Seaga.

In June 1983, Jamaica reached an agreement in principle with its major commercial bank creditors to reschedule 100 per cent of all principal repayments falling due in the July 1, 1983, through March 31, 1985, period. The total amount involved is estimated at \$161 million.

Mr. Seaga said that of the total amount for which the government seeks rescheduling over a seven-year period, \$97 million represents the sum for 1984-85.

At a news conference, Mr. Seaga said the rescheduling proposal is part of a series of budgetary measures for the fiscal year which was not covered in the broad economic survey which he, as Minister of Finance, presented to parliament on Thursday night.

Mr. Seaga said the total foreign debts, both direct and guaranteed, without standing debt servicing, was about \$3.1 billion at the end of 1983. Credits for governments and their agencies, or bilateral debt, accounted for 43.5 per cent of this sum, or about \$1.36 billion.

Commercial bank credit represented 13 per cent. Mr. Seaga

said.

The terms under discussion with the banks is a maturity period of seven years with a three-year grace period, Mr. Seaga said. The maturities which fell due since July 1, 1983, have been rolled over, the prime minister added.

Mr. Seaga said the expected a favourable response when OECD members are approached during June in Paris. Unlike most countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, Jamaica has 90 per cent of its foreign debt in medium and long-term loans, rather than short-term loans.

He noted, however, that annual debt service payments have become a problem because of a decline in the resources from which debt servicing would normally be made, namely bauxite revenues.

## Italian helicopter firm battles against over-production, debt

By James Buxton

ROME — Augusta, the Italian aerospace company which is best known for its helicopters, had what can politely be called a mixed year in 1983.

Sales went up by 23 per cent, well above the Italian inflation rate, but stocks of unsold helicopters went up too. The chief executive of the company was replaced, another senior manager departed, and when the book closed Augusta posted an unprecedented loss of L121 billion (\$71 million).

As a result, Efm, the smallest of Italy's state holding companies, is having to inject L110 billion in new capital, and what was up till 1973 a private company, founded by the Agusta family in 1907, will now be more than 90 per cent state-owned.

Agusta is one of Europe's big-

gest helicopter makers, having grown on the strength mainly of licences from the big U.S. helicopter makers, Bell, Sikorsky and Boeing. It is particularly successful at selling to developing countries, often in areas where the U.S. licensors did not penetrate.

Helicopters now make up about 65 per cent of the group's turnover, with another 25 per cent consisting of fixed wing aircraft — Agusta owns Sial Marchetti, which makes small jets and light aircraft — and the remaining 10 per cent made up by electronic and other aviation systems.

Sales climbed from L449 billion in 1980 to L667 billion in 1982, and until 1981 Agusta ran at a small profit. In 1982, Efm, which had bought 51 per cent of the company in 1973, pushed up its stake to 80 per cent when the Agusta family failed to match its contribution to a capital increase.

though Count Corrado Agusta remained chairman.

Agusta in 1982, however, lost L3.3 billion, and in 1983 it was in crisis. Sig Raffaello Teti, who took over as chief executive last year following the departure of Sig Pietro Fasione, and who sees himself as spear-heading the recovery of the group, blames the crisis on three things. Firstly, he points out, Agusta is suffering from the recession that has hit the whole aerospace industry. "Recession always hits the high technology industries towards the end of the trough," he says, and points out that Bell's production has fallen from 650 helicopters a week to 200.

Secondly, "the recession hit Agusta just as we were coming out of a reorganisation. The company had expanded a lot in the last few years. It was done too quickly and was not very well organised."

The group last year bought Caproni, a faltering manufacturer of gliders, while some of its recent ventures in component manufacturing have so far gone badly. "I'm not going to say whether the company's acquisitions were sensible, that's up to the shareholders," says Sig Teti.

Thirdly, Agusta borrowed hea-

vily from 1979 onwards, mainly in dollars, and like many Italian companies is suffering from the fact that the dollar has doubled against the lira over the period.

Yet no advance provision was made for possible currency losses — and servicing the company's debt, which is said to be only slightly below the 1983 turnover figure of L865 billion, accounted for 40 per cent of turnover in 1982.

Yet despite the growing financial difficulties, the company continued producing helicopters faster than it could sell them — partly because of the enormous difficulties that Italian companies, especially state-controlled ones, have in laying off labour. Last year's sales were helped by the conclusion of helicopter deals with Iraq, Greece and Turkey, but the stock of unsold helicopters now amounts to L400 billion.

Sig Teti recently secured government approval to put 4,000 of the company's 10,500-strong workforce on state-subsidised lay-offs for the rest of this year, though the unions have yet to accept this.

He has reorganised the group's structure, setting up a co-ordinated planning and marketing

division at the group level, instead of allowing each of the three divisions to operate separately in these areas.

On the financial side he has made belated provision for the extra cost of repaying the company's borrowing, which has been put into the 1983 loss figure of L121 billion. "About 75 per cent of that is accounted for by currency losses, or provision for them," says Sig Teti. "We have made full provision for 1984 as well as 1983, and included a share for 1985, 1986 and 1987. The rest of the 1983 loss is due to the weak market."

To absorb that loss, Agusta's capital is being written down from L118 billion to L93 billion, and then increased to L203 billion. Only Efm is expected to put in new funds, so that the residual Agusta family stake is set to go down to about 9 per cent. Sig Teti says there is no question of Aerialia, the aerospace subsidiary of IRI, and Agusta's rival, buying into the company.

Having concentrated such large losses into one year, Sig Teti hopes Agusta will not lose any money in 1984. "There are some signs of recovery in the aerospace market,

especially in the U.S.," he says.

But will this recovery spread to the Third World, where a substantial part of the market for both Agusta helicopters and Sial Marchetti aircraft is? Agusta suffers from not having a strong domestic market for most of its products, even though its range usually sells well abroad.

An example of this is the story of the Agusta A-129 Mangrove, the sinister-looking anti-tank helicopter which is only the second helicopter the company has developed on its own. The Italian army has ordered 60, but so far that is all.

What is more, Aerospace of France and MBB of West Germany are collaborating on building their own anti-tank helicopter, in competition with Agusta's. "It would have been better for Italy to have launched this as a joint European project," Sig Teti concedes, but insists that the A-129 will be a success. "It's the only European anti-tank helicopter there is, and will have the field to itself for four or five years." — The Financial Times news feature

**THE BETTER HALF** By Harris

"On the back there's a coupon for 25 cents off our next dental bill!"

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DAGEA  
LALIV  
LYMBAC  
GROJAN

Hey, Boss—you should have been a pro

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles PIVOT HONOR MISUSE BIKINI  
Answer: What the gambling addict had trouble balancing—HIS BOOKIES

## Peanuts



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



## Reagan cites improvements in American economy

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Saturday defended his economic policy, saying the recent increase in the key U.S. prime interest rate to 12.5 per cent was due to an unfounded fear of returning inflation.

The high interest rates and inflation of the 1970s were gone, he said.

"By virtually any yardstick, our economy is coming back. America is coming back. And for the first time in a long time, hope for the future is coming back," he added.

Mr. Reagan, who is seeking re-election in November, said that past recoveries have been snuffed out by a return of inflation, but he added: "This time inflation is staying down, and we mean to keep it that way."

## FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MAY 28, 1984

### YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A very good day to get into the various practical matters which face you and to handle them in an accepted and proven fashion and to make no drastic changes.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Morning is fine for developing worldly interests, but later don't commit yourself to anything.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) You know how to gain whatever your desires are, so get busy early on such, but don't be too demanding with others.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Make plans wisely and later be more willing to compromise with others. Come to an understanding with your mate.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can gain a cherished wish early in the day, then find ways of helping others who are in need.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get backing from a bigwig in A.M. since later you could not reach this busy person or any others. Use tact.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You see many good ways of advancing in your career early but later may find it rough sledding. A new contact may be disappointing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is important that you handle responsibilities in a conscientious manner so that others do not disapprove of you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Steer clear of a confrontation with an associate otherwise this could lead to a severance of connections.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Work can be done very well early in the day, but problematical affairs may arise to delay you. Remain poised.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) State whatever amusements you want to engage in with friends and they soon agree and you can have a fine time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Do favors for kin in the morning and they will be grateful, but later you may find they become difficult to handle.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Morning is fine for handling communications well and then you can later study information you have received.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he or she will be most practical and have the feet on the ground, but needs training in whatever is ideal and imaginative in nature in order to have the greatest potential for living, otherwise your progeny would be too monetary-minded.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!  
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## THE Daily Crossword by Dorothea E. Shipp

**ACROSS**

1 Pears  
6 Aviator  
12 Arranged in succession  
14 Speech-making  
15 Startled  
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22 Desert succulents  
26 "— may look at a king"

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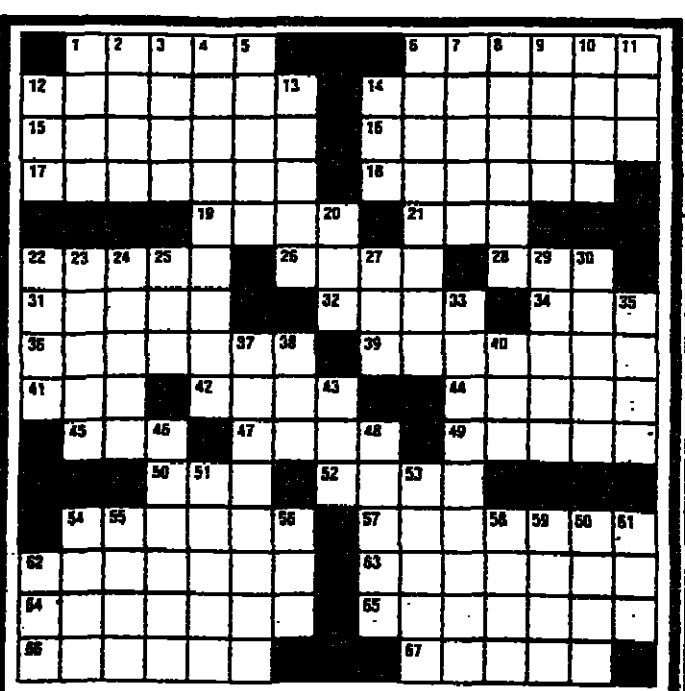
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47 Fishing need  
49 Use energy  
50 Exist  
52 Northerner

**54 Snares**  
57 Mariner's guide  
62 Summer insect  
63 Train  
64 Marooned  
65 Aligned  
66 Like a fedora  
67 Home of the silk-worm  
68 Commemorative pillar  
69 Short songs  
7 Cuban patriot  
8 Everlasting, old style  
9 Broad-topped hill  
10 Nettled  
11 Writer Rand  
12 Spade  
13 Plant swifling

**14 Frequently, to poets**  
20 Sch. subj.  
22 Garfield's kin  
23 Strongly  
24 Perfume  
25 Number  
27 Wing  
29 Grin  
30 More sensible  
33 Road signs  
35 — we forget  
37 Uprose  
38 Acquiring word  
40 Veto  
43 Unit of length  
46 Most scanty  
48 Candle  
51 Soldier's equipment  
53 Conductors' milieu  
54 Year  
55 Hibernia  
56 Boy's nickname  
58 Ger. exclamations  
59 Chestnut tree  
60 Notice  
61 But, to Cato  
62 G-man

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

SLIAB HARP SPORTS  
HARIE ELIA ACETIN  
EVINE LILAR LANCE  
AIDWELALTRITITIE  
BITIN YIKEN STR  
SPIRITIE SHIEK E-TAL  
PIEDNIS SHILLO E-TAL  
ARIAL SHAMIS O-TME  
NENIE TETIE AARON  
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SITIS PITA SITA  
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AIDWEL ALIAN EERN'S  
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## Reagan, critics disagree on C. America war danger

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan and his critics are locked in increasingly sharp disagreement over whether his policy of military pressure in Central America is heading off war or fuelling the danger of one.

Mr. Reagan's policy has worried opponents in Congress and both the president of Mexico and a group of former top U.S. and Latin American officials have independently said that U.S.-backed military operations were increasing the danger of war.

President Reagan told a press conference this week: "The success of Communism in Central America poses the threat that 100 million people from Panama to the open border on our south could come under the control of pro-Soviet regimes."

U.S. officials say his policy of military pressure is working to end leftist rebellion so that Washington will not have to choose between committing combat troops or accepting Communist takeovers.

They voice optimism that President-elect Jose Napoleon Duarte could neutralise guerrillas in El Salvador next year and that Nicaragua will eventually negotiate an end to its support of leftist insurgency in neighbouring countries.

But the House of Representatives voted soon after Mr. Reagan's Communist threat statement to ban the use of U.S. combat troops unless there was a

clear threat to Americans.

Mr. Reagan won House approval of emergency military aid for El Salvador as a show of support for Mr. Duarte but the House rejected further aid for rebels opposing Nicaragua's leftist government.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill called the rebels "marauders, murderers, rapists" and said that Americans "want the United States to oppose aggression, not sponsor it."

Mexico's President Miguel de la Madrid said in a recent blunt exchange with Mr. Reagan in Washington: "The risk of generalised war, the scope and duration of which no one can foresee, is growing."

The group of former U.S. and Latin officials known as the inter-American dialogue said in a report: "A grim race is under way in Central America between the escalation of violence and the pursuit of peace."

The group includes several former U.S. secretaries of state and defence and ex-presidents of Latin American countries.

Like De la Madrid, it urged Mr. Reagan to shift from military pressure to genuine support for the peace process pursued by the

"Contadora" group of Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia.

The Contadora aim is a peaceful settlement of disputes and an end to U.S., Cuban and Soviet military involvement.

Mr. Reagan has repeatedly endorsed the peace process but administration officials say that only U.S. military moves have pushed Nicaragua towards agreeing to the Contadora proposals.

U.S. pressure includes covert operations against Nicaragua such as the mining of Nicaraguan ports earlier this year and military exercises in neighbouring Honduras.

The administration wants an agreement that would restore what it could regard as democratic procedures in Nicaragua as well as halt the Sandinist government's support for leftist guerrillas in El Salvador and other Central American countries.

A senior Nicaraguan official in Managua said that meant Mr. Reagan was trying to destroy the Sandinist revolution and that Nicaragua was bracing for "prolonged war" with America.

A U.S. official dismissed the threat and said the administration had told Nicaragua publicly and privately that it wanted to help work out a political settlement fair to all.

In El Salvador, the official said, the administration was optimistic that Mr. Duarte could effectively neutralise the leftist guerrilla movement as early as next year.

## Hong Kong wants to rule itself before China's takeover

HONG KONG (AP) — With Hong Kong's fate decided, some residents want a chance to govern themselves before China takes over in 1997.

This, they say, would prove to China that the people here are capable of running their own affairs. They also hope it would minimise Peking's administrative role and any changes it may plan for Hong Kong's capitalist system.

"If we cannot establish democracy in Hong Kong during this 13-year transitional period (before the Chinese take over), there would be no basis for our future government beyond 1997," Dr. Ding Lik-Kin, chairman of the Christian Industrial Committee, said in an interview. Dr. Ding's committee helps promote workers' welfare here.

China has promised that Hong Kong, under British colonial rule since 1842, will be allowed to retain its existing capitalist life style for at least 50 years beyond 1997.

Also, Peking says, Hong Kong will become an autonomous territory of China and a mini-constitution will be drafted to permit local residents to run the territory.

But many among Hong Kong's 5.5 million residents remain concerned, fearing that Peking may not keep its word should there be another political upheaval there.

For Hong Kong to survive, civic leaders and pressure groups say, it needs a democratic form of government that will preserve the prosperity and stability which has made it the world's third largest financial centre. They also question whether a capitalist society can function under communist rule.

"The future Hong Kong government must be a democratic and elected government, truly representative of and accountable to the people of Hong Kong," the Hong Kong Observer, a pressure group composed of young intellectuals and professionals, said in a recent statement.

"There will be no place for an appointment system after 1997 because Peking would be the only party who could appoint," the Hong Kong Observer said. Adding to local jitters is the secrecy which Chinese and British negotiators have maintained in talks begun 20 months ago to hammer out an agreement on Hong Kong's future.

Hong Kong is not represented at the talks because China says Peking is responsible for the population, 80 per cent of whom are Chinese.

Britain and China have said Hong Kong residents will have a chance to comment on the agreement before it is formally approved. But many here fear it might be too late then and they should take their own action now.

## NATO ministers seek to present united front to Soviet Union

WASHINGTON (R) — Foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) will seek to present a united front to the Soviet Union when they meet in Washington this week amid a deep freeze in East-West relations.

U.S. officials say talks among the 16 ministers are expected to focus on the approach needed in dealing with the Kremlin following recent Soviet moves like the walkout on nuclear arms talks and a Moscow-led boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics.

The talks, starting on Tuesday, will also be shadowed by the continuing Iran-Iraq war which, while it falls outside direct NATO responsibility, could have a dire effect on Western Europe if it halts the flow of oil through the Gulf.

The three-day annual Spring meeting, being held in Washington for the first time since 1969, marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the military alliance.

The Soviet Union walked out of parallel negotiations on strategic and medium range nuclear weapons late last year in response to deployment of new U.S. missiles in Europe.

Moscow has also rejected new Western proposals on limiting conventional forces in Europe and has scoffed at a U.S. draft treaty

for a global ban on chemical weapons.

U.S. officials do not expect Moscow to return to the nuclear arms talks before the U.S. presidential elections in November.

In their view, hardline Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko is playing an influential role that has led to what an official called a "minimally correct" U.S.-Soviet relationship.

In the face of increasingly harsh Soviet rhetoric, the U.S. position has been to maintain a firm front while making clear it is ready to negotiate on arms and other issues.

The strategy depends on a display of unity by NATO and U.S. officials expressed confidence that the final communiqué after the meeting will demonstrate a high degree of consensus on East-West relations.

"We think transatlantic differences on East-West relations are beginning to narrow," one official said.

He said the alliance had survived a difficult challenge as installation of new U.S. Pershing 2 and cruise missiles, designed to counter Soviet medium range SS-20 rockets, had begun on schedule despite considerable public opposition.

U.S. officials believe the alliance will hold fast against offering

any new concessions to the Soviet Union while it is boycotting the negotiations.

Washington is stressing the need for deployments to continue as scheduled. Missiles are being sited in West Germany, Britain and Italy. Belgium is expected to deploy cruise rockets.

Asked about the Dutch waver, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said last week that "It is very important that each country live up to the mark."

The meeting will take place after a recent upsurge in attacks on neutral shipping in the Gulf, which the U.S. has pledged to keep open.

Although the Gulf is not a direct NATO responsibility, the United States has for the first time won an alliance commitment to plug the gap in Europe when U.S. forces are engaged in a crisis elsewhere.

But Assistant Secretary of State Tapley Bennett told NATO parliamentarians on Friday that European governments were reluctant to provide even passage and bases for the U.S. which had pledged to carry the main effort in "manpower and resources."

The NATO foreign ministers' meeting in idyllic surroundings, leaving Washington shortly after the opening session for historic Wye plantation on the rural eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

## COLUMN

### Heat wave takes 57 lives in India

NEW DELHI (AP) — At least 57 people have died in a record heat wave that has seared much of India over the past two weeks, officials said Saturday. Friday's temperature in New Delhi hit 45.2 degrees Celsius (113.4 Fahrenheit), the hottest day in May in the capital in 40 years. At Palam International Airport just outside the city, the temperature reached 47.5 Celsius (117.5 F).

### Chinese nursery matrons jailed for child abuse

PEKING (AP) — Two Chinese nursery nannies have been sentenced for terrorising and torturing at least four children with a hot stove poker as punishment for crying, the Peking Daily said Sunday. "The Venomous Aunties" have been punished," the newspaper said in its account of the incident at the nursery in a Nanjing electric-plating factory. It said matrons Liu Yulan and Yang Xiyang received three-year jail terms in late January after an outcry by the parents of the four children, aged between 18 months and 2 years. The newspaper did not explain the delay in reporting the incident or provide other information about the defendants. The children sustained second-degree burns on the buttocks from a stove poker, which the matrons used to threaten the nursery's 89 children when they cried, the paper said. "Whoever cries gets burned," it quoted the matrons as telling the children.

### 'Only 2,500 drug addicts in Soviet Union'

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union has just 2,500 people addicted to drugs, out of a population of 274 million, according to a Soviet official. The figure was given by Mr. Eduard Babayan, the Soviet representative to a United Nations Commission on Narcotics, in response to a letter from a Turkish reader to the New Times weekly magazine. The writer, according to the current issue of the magazine, said the Soviet talk much about drug addiction in the West, and asked what the situation was in the Soviet Union. In addition to the figure on addiction, Mr. Babayan said the Soviet Union has not registered a single case of addiction to heroin — banned in the Soviet Union — in the past decade. He also said there are no cocaine, LSD (an hallucinogen) or amphetamine addicts. He did not say what drugs the 2,500 are addicted to.

### 84-year-old son sentenced as 104-year-old mother looks on

DENVER (AP) — Despite an impassioned plea for mercy from his 104-year-old mother, an 84-year-old man was sentenced to four years in prison on an assault charge. In imposing the sentence Thursday on Dewey "Pops" Shuey, District Judge Robert P. Fullerton said the defendant had a "propensity" for carrying guns "firing them at people." Within the past two years, Shuey has been convicted twice of carrying a concealed weapon and charged with shooting two people, Mr. Fullerton said.

### Adolescent suicides feel isolated, psychiatrist says

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (AP) — Adolescents who commit suicide often feel they have no one to help them cope with their problems even though many are good students with stable relationships and goals, a University of Minnesota researcher says. In a study of completed and attempted suicides among teen-agers in the Canadian province of Ontario between January 1971 and August 1978, Dr. Barry Garfinkel found that girls tried to kill themselves three times as often as boys. But boys were nearly four times more likely to succeed, because they more often used deadly means, such as guns, he found.

## Mondale, Hart begin final hunt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is back on the attack, while Senator Gary Hart is reviving his emphasis on the future as the chief Democratic contender follow different roads into the climactic 10 days of their battle for the presidential nomination.

For both Mr. Mondale and Sen. Hart, it represents a return to approaches that proved successful in earlier phases of the campaign.

Standing on California's coastline in Pacific the former vice president charged Saturday that the senator should have led the fight against Senate confirmation of Mr. James Watt as interior secretary. Environmentalists, including those in Sen. Hart's state of Colorado, criticised Mr. Watt's policies as being destructive. Mr. Watt later resigned.

Sen. Hart has made few direct attacks on Mr. Mondale in recent days, offering instead descriptions of his vision of the future, including election law reform, industrial revitalisation and better opportunities for women.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Jesse Jackson planned to fly to Mexico City on Monday to discuss the international debt crisis with Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda, a leader of the four-nation Contadora Group seeking a diplomatic solution to the Central American conflict.

As he prepared for his trip, Rev. Jackson lashed out at the recent election in El Salvador in which Mr. Jose Napoleon Duarte was elected president of the strife-torn country. He called it a "sham."

Rev. Jackson said Mr. Duarte was "elected with Mr. Reagan's help and support, another puppet regime."

Speaking in New Jersey on Saturday, the black civil rights leader called on the administration of President Ronald Reagan to rely more on diplomatic talks with leftist governments in an effort to resolve festering problems in Central America.

"Key to that would be our leadership being aggressive enough to talk to Cuba," he said. "I get the impression, our leadership has

such a heavy emotional investment and so much ego invested in Castro's failing... that we have not yet overcome the trauma."

"Our not talking to Cuba is very impractical. They are just 145-kilometres away from Miami. It's not ideology. We do talk to Communists," Rev. Jackson added.

The Democratic race is down to five primaries on June 5 — California, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and West Virginia — and Mr. Mondale is sitting on a lead of more than 650 delegates over Sen. Hart.

California voters will allocate 306 delegates. New Jersey voters apportion 107.

The former vice president now is within about 300 delegates of the 1,967 that would constitute a convention majority.

Sen. Hart and Mr. Mondale are concentrating on California and New Jersey. A strong victory in either one or narrow winning margins in both probably would make Mr. Mondale unstoppable at the Democratic convention in San Francisco in July.

## Nicaragua plans to introduce tough press law

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaragua is expected to enact a tough new press law next week, bringing the news media in this country under total state control and requiring reporters to reveal all their news sources. The law would cover foreign news organisations with permanent operations in Nicaragua.

It was not clear what course, if

any, the government would have in regard to visiting journalists who do not maintain offices or a continued presence here through a local representative.

The tiny opposition minority in the council of state, an appointed body that acts as legislature, denounced the proposal as "highly restrictive" and said it is styled after press laws of communist nations.

The co-publisher of La Prensa, the only opposition newspaper said, "if even 10 per cent of this law is passed, it will be the end of even the last vestiges of press freedom in Nicaragua."

"They are tightening the screws on La Prensa," Mr. Pedro Joaquín Chamorro said. "We are the target. If La Prensa did not exist, they would not need this law." He noted that other Nicaraguan media generally supported the government.

The law was proposed by the Popular Front, a three-party leftist coalition that includes the Sandinista National Liberation Front, which controls the government and has an overwhelming majority in the council of state. The council plans to vote on the measure next week.

The new law requires all news organisations and representatives in Nicaragua to register with the government and establishes penalties for violations ranging from private administration to closures.

It includes the following: Media must fully identify all sources on which they base their reports, either at the time of publication or at the order of a court. In Nicaragua, as elsewhere, many government officials speak on condition they not be identified.

All television channels are for the exclusive use of the state, which will guarantee access to them to "significant social and political groups."

Publication of news that compromises the economy of the state or its citizens, confidential state information or news of shortages of basic products in the country is prohibited. It requires criticism of public policy to have constructive goals.

The law says the news organisation involved in a possible violation is responsible for all that is published. This would appear to mean, as the law is now drafted, that agencies with full-time offices in Nicaragua could be held liable for dispatches that are judged to

have run afoul of the new regulations.

How the law would be enforced remained a question.

The local press is heavily censored, but outgoing foreign dispatches are not. Although foreign news agencies are specifically mentioned as being covered by the law, the law appears directed more at the local press.

While an earlier version of the law proposed administration of the new law through a council of media representatives and government officials, committee revisions earlier this week would give control to the interior ministry.

The ministry is headed by Mr. Tomas Borge, a doctrinaire Marxist and one of nine commanders who run the liberation front. The Press Censorship Bureau, established when the government declared a state of emergency in March 1982, is under Mr. Borge's jurisdiction.

La Prensa is often heavily censored by the bureau, and has been closed for days on several occasions for printing prohibited material. On other occasions, it has opted not to print because censorship delays precluded meeting press deadlines.

The country's other two newspapers, Nuevo Diario and Baricada, strongly support the government and are less frequently censored.

The long-range motives of the new law, according to some opposition figures, is to give the state complete control of the media before campaigns get under way in August for the Nov. 1 presidential and legislative elections.

Less than a month after a bloody revolution brought the Sandinistas to power in July 1979, the government passed a law requiring news media to defend the interests of the revolution.

Self-censorship and restrictions tied to states of emergency exist in other Central American countries, but Nicaragua is the only nation in the region where formal censorship is applied.

### GOREN BRIDGE

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#### THE ACE THAT GOT AWAY

North-South vulnerable.  
North deals.

<p><b>NORTH</b></p> <p>♠ J62</p> <p>♥ K97654</p> <p>♦ K50</p> <p>♣ KJ43</p>	<p><b>EAST</b></p> <p>♠ 854</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ 986542</p> <p>♣ J1073</p>
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The bidding:  
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3 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass  
Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Ace of ♣.

Players in the recent World Team Championship seemed to have great difficulty staying out of slam when they were missing two aces. In the final, the U.S. team managed to collect both its aces, and with them the world title. In the semifinal, the U.S. team bid a slam off two cashing aces, but with a luckier result.

North's two diamond opening bid could have been made

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